

Our Mission

To provide forward-looking stewardship of our state lands, natural resources, and environment.

To provide leadership in creating a sustainable future for the Trusts and all citizens.

A Message from the Commissioner



A few years ago, DNR adopted a mission statement and a series of goals to guide our work in fulfilling our legally prescribed duties for Washington's citizens.

Since then, we've had a solid record of accomplishments toward those goals, despite budget reductions. This report looks back at some of the accomplishments from the past two years, and provides details about our finances and management of the trust lands in our care.

It's important, too, that the public we serve can see what we're doing while we're doing it, that our work is transparent, accessible. For example, by the time the Board of Natural Resources unanimously adopted a new sustainable harvest level this past September, there had been many public meetings and an Environmental Impact Statement, stakeholders were engaged and we had heard their concerns. A similar public process also led to establishing the Maury Island Aquatic Reserve.

As our mission statement shows, our work looks to the future—the future of state trust lands and their beneficiaries, of our native ecosystems, of the natural resources that provide jobs, recreation and inspiration for the people of this state.

In the coming year, at DNR we will be working and talking more about how to make sure that this future is sustainable. I hope that in reviewing this report you will see that we've already been working to do just that.

A stylized, handwritten signature in brown ink that reads "Doug Sutherland".

DOUG SUTHERLAND
COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC LANDS